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In re the Application of:

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Group Art Unit: 2827

Serial No.: 10/827,366

Examiner: Viet Q. NGUYEN

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For. **MAGNETIC RING UNIT AND MAGNETIC MEMORY DEVICE**

PETITION FOR CHANGE TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: October 27, 2005

Sir:

The applicants hereby petition for the change to small entity status for this patent application under 37 C.F.R. 1.27(a)(3)(ii)(A). More particularly, the above-captioned patent application has been assigned to KEIO UNIVERSITY of Tokyo, Japan, the assignment of which has been recorded in Reel No. 015243 and Frame No. 0100.

Keio University is a university and an institution of higher education, and as the assignee of the above-captioned patent application, is thus entitled to small entity status, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.27(a)(3)(ii)(A).

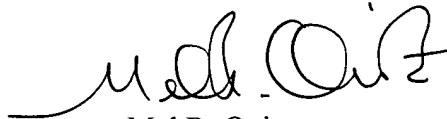
It is respectfully requested that this Petition be granted, and that the status of this patent application be changed to small entity status so that this patent application be granted all the privileges and rights entitled thereto.

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Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$130.00 for the fee due in connection with this
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Respectfully submitted,

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